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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA

United States of America,

Plaintiff,

vs.

Roberto Castro-Alvarado,

Defendant.

Case No. 08-0461M-001

ORDER

HAVING considered the parties' *Joint Motion for Extension of Time to Indict* and good cause having been shown;

THE COURT makes the following findings:

1. Counsel for defendant has only recently been appointed;
2. The defendant earnestly wishes to consider the plea offer extended by the government;
3. The defendant wishes to investigate possible defenses prior to considering the government's plea offer, which is made pursuant to a 'fast track' early disposition program authorized by the Department of Justice pursuant to § 401(m) of the Prosecuting Remedies and Tools Against the Exploitation of Children Today Act of 2003 (PROTECT Act), Pub. L. 108-21, 117 Stat. 650 (Apr. 30, 2003);

- 1 4. The government's plea offer, if accepted by the defendant and then the
2 court, would likely reduce defendant's exposure to a significant term of
3 imprisonment;
- 4 5. If the defendant does not timely accept the plea offer prior to indictment,
5 the government will withdraw said plea offer and any subsequent plea offer
6 after indictment would likely be less advantageous to the defendant;
- 7 6. Failure to extend time for indictment in this instance would thus operate to
8 bar defendant from reviewing the government's plea offer in a meaningful
9 way prior to indictment;
- 10 7. Granting an extension of time for indictment in this case is likely to result
11 in the case being resolved earlier, which would further the public's interest
12 in the timely and efficient administration of justice; and
- 13 8. The ends of justice served by this continuance outweigh the best interest of
14 the public and the defendant in a speedy indictment.

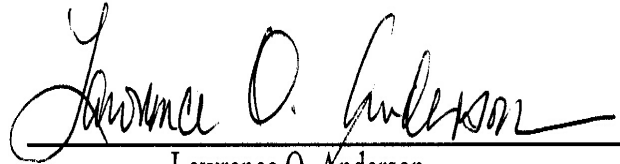
15 The Court therefore concludes that the ends of justice are best served by granting
16 an extension of time to present the case to the grand jury and in excluding a period of
17 thirty (30) days under the Speedy Trial Act. In making this determination, the Court has
18 particularly taken into account that the failure to grant the Defendant's request "would
19 deny counsel for the defendant . . . the reasonable time necessary for effective
20 preparation, taking into account the exercise of due diligence." 18 U.S.C. §
21 3161(h)(8)(B)(iv).

22 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the parties' *Joint Motion for Extension of Time to*
23 *Indict* requesting an extension of thirty (30) days within which the government may seek
24 to indict defendant, is hereby granted.

25 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that pursuant to the Speedy Trial Act, 18
 U.S.C. §3161, the Government shall have an extension of thirty (30) days to file a timely

1 Indictment. Excludable time shall begin to run on the 31st day after arrest for a period of
2 thirty (30) days in which the Government may present the case to the grand jury.

3 DATED this 14th day of November, 2008.

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6 Lawrence O. Anderson
7 United States Magistrate Judge
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